

Tuesday, May 20, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 84, Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for FY 1998.

The House passed H.R. 1650, to authorize the Congressional Gold Medal to Mother Teresa.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S4691–S4780

Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced as follows: S. 765–770 and S. Res. 87. Page S4748

Measures Passed:

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Anniversary: Senate agreed to S. Res. 87, commemorating the 15th anniversary of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Pages S4691–94

Partial-Birth Abortion Ban: By 63 yeas to 36 nays (Vote No. 71), Senate passed H.R. 1122, to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions, after taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: Pages S4694–S4715

Adopted:

Santorum Amendment No. 290, to provide a procedure for determining whether a physician's conduct was necessary to save the life of the mother. Pages S4694–95

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 49, authorizing the use of the Capitol grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby. Page S4773

Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office: Senate passed S. 342, to extend certain privileges, exemptions, and immunities to Hong Kong Economic and Trade Offices. Page S4773

Afghanistan Human Rights: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 6, expressing concern for the continued deterioration of human rights in Afghanistan and emphasizing the need for a peaceful political settle-

ment in that country, after agreeing to a committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4773–76

Congratulating Residents of Jerusalem: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 21, congratulating the residents of Jerusalem and the people of Israel on the thirtieth anniversary of the reunification of that historic city. Page S4776

Japan/U.S. Mutual Cooperation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 58, to state the sense of the Senate that the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security Between the United States of America and Japan is essential for furthering the security interest of the United States, Japan and the countries of the Asia-Pacific region, and that the people of Okinawa deserve recognition for their contributions toward ensuring the treaty's implementation. Pages S4776–77

Concurrent Budget Resolution: Senate began consideration of S. Con. Res. 27, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows: Pages S4716–45

Adopted:

Allard Amendment No. 293, to express the sense of the Senate about the Federal debt and that the President should submit a budget proposal with a plan for repayment of the Federal debt. Page S4729

Rejected:

Dodd Modified Amendment No. 296, to increase the discretionary spending caps by \$15.752 billion in outlays over five years to improve funding of critical programs to assist infants, toddlers and young children, and offset this effort by closing corporate tax loopholes. (By 61 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 72), Senate tabled the amendment.) Pages S4731–38

Allard/Inhofe Amendment No. 292, to require that any shortfall in revenues projected by the resolution be offset by reductions in discretionary spending. (By 70 yeas to 29 nays (Vote No. 73), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S4738-41, S4744**

By 8 yeas to 91 nays (Vote No. 74), Hollings Amendment No. 295, to adjust the President's initiatives for increased spending and the tax cuts.

Pages S4741-45

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the resolution and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Wednesday, May 21, 1997. **Page S4777**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of the executive order prohibiting new investment in Burma; referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-38). **Pages S4746-47**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Vice Admiral Roger T. Rufe, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Commander, Atlantic Area, United States Coast Guard, with the grade of vice admiral while so serving.

Rear Admiral James C. Card, U.S. Coast Guard, to be Commander, Pacific Area, United States Coast Guard, with the grade of vice admiral while so serving.

16 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

17 Army nominations in the rank of general.

15 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

3 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Coast Guard, Navy.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

A. Peter Burleigh, of California, to be the Deputy Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary.

James W. Pardew, Jr., of Virginia, for the Rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as U.S. Special Representative for Military Stabilization in the Balkans. **Page S4779**

Messages From the President: **Pages S4746-47**

Communications: **Pages S4747-48**

Statements on Introduced Bills: **Pages S4748-60**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S4760-61**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S4761-63**

Authority for Committees: **Page S4763**

Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—74). **Pages S4715, S4738, S4744-45**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:10 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 21, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4777.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on international financial institutions, receiving testimony from Robert E. Rubin, Secretary of the Treasury.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, May 22.

APPROPRIATIONS—INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of the Interior, after receiving testimony from Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

APPROPRIATIONS—CAPITOL POLICE BOARD/CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the Legislative Branch held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the United States Capitol Police Board and the Congressional Budget Office, receiving testimony from Gregory S. Casey, Senate Sergeant at Arms, Wilson Livingood, House Sergeant at Arms, Gary L. Abrecht, Chief, U.S. Capitol Police, and Alan M. Hantman, Architect of the Capitol, all on behalf of the United States Capitol Police Board; and June E. O'Neill, Director, Congressional Budget Office, who was accompanied by several of her associates.

Subcommittee will meet again on Thursday, June 5.

QUADRENNIAL DEFENSE REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the Department of Defense Quadrennial Defense Review which relates to the shape, makeup, characterization, and the implementation of American armed forces for the next several years, receiving testimony from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Gen. John M. Shalikashvili, USA, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.